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U.S. Patent Documents

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_____	DE1433398	Germany	Nov. 21, 1968	C21c-5/48	yes-corresponding U.S. patent (No. 3,330,645)
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